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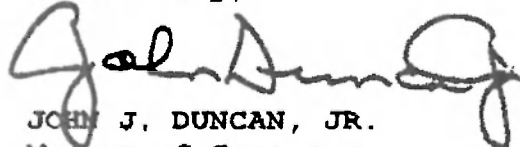
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From all available information it appears that his application and request are well-documented.

Thank you for your consideration, consistent with your regulations which might be given Mr. Belcher and your reply to my Athens, Tennessee office.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,


JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
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NAME PAUL Samuel Belcher

SIGNATURE Paul Belcher

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APR 20 2007

The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
6 East Madison Avenue Courthouse
Athens, Tennessee 37303-4297

Dear Congressman Duncan:

This is in response to your letter of March 12, 2007, enclosing a copy of a pardon application submitted by your constituent, Paul Samuel Belcher. Mr. Belcher pled guilty to selling a firearm to a person who had been convicted of a felony and was sentenced to three years' probation on August 19, 2003.

As I have previously explained to Mr. Belcher, he is not eligible to apply for a pardon because five years have not expired since the date of his sentencing. In accordance with §1.2 of the Rules Governing Petitions for Executive Clemency, there is a five-year waiting period before a person is eligible to apply for a pardon. The waiting period began, in Mr. Belcher's case, on August 19, 2003. I have enclosed a copy of the Rules for your information.

As is my usual practice in cases such as this, I considered whether to waive the five-year waiting period in Mr. Belcher's case, but concluded it would not be appropriate to do so. As I told Mr. Belcher, while I understand his desire for clemency, I do not believe his circumstances are so unusual as to justify a waiver. In this regard, I noted that waivers are infrequently granted and then only for particularly compelling reasons, and that many persons seek a waiver of the waiting period to apply for a pardon primarily to restore their right to have a firearm.

The five-year waiting period for Mr. Belcher will expire on August 18, 2008. I invite him to contact this office at that time to obtain the application form, as the one he submitted contains information that will be obsolete by then.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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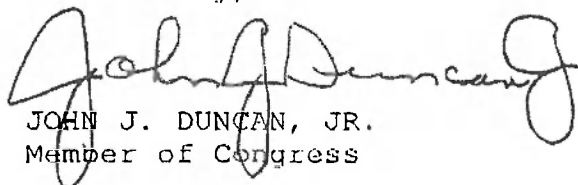
Please find attached hereto a request I have received on behalf of Mr. Samuel Paul Belcher, a member of my constituency, who has resubmitted the attached pardon application.

From all available information it appears that his application and request are well-documented.

Thank you for your consideration, consistent with your regulations which might be given Mr. Belcher and your reply to my Athens, Tennessee office.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,


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The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
6 East Madison Avenue Courthouse
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Dear Congressman Duncan:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 1, 2008 regarding the executive clemency application of Mr. Samuel Paul Belcher. The following information pertains.

Mr. Belcher's request for executive clemency has been received in this office and is being processed. While I cannot predict when his request may be adjudicated, he will be informed of its outcome as soon as one is reached.

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Belcher.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
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October 26, 2010

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Dear President Obama:

I am writing in support of [REDACTED] in his appeal for a
Presidential Pardon. It is the only option possible for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to receive pardon for his conviction.

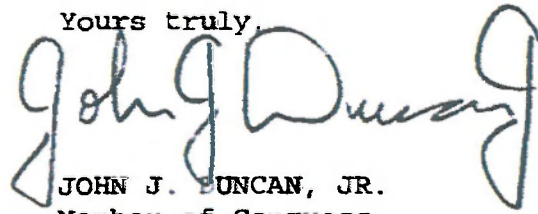
The pathway provided through an Attorney General's referral to
the State of Tennessee's Pardon Committee, is not viable due to
no allocation of funding for the Committee to be convened.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He is an honest and law abiding citizen
whose pardon is reasonable.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,



JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
Member of Congress

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Pardon Attorney

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4202

Dear Congressman Duncan:

B6 This is in reply to your letter to President Obama of October 26, 2010, supporting the application for presidential pardon filed by your constituent, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] application for commutation of sentence was received in this office on August 17, 2010, and remains under consideration. As you know, the amount of time required to process such applications can be lengthy, and no assurance can be provided that they will be adjudicated within a specific period of time. However, please be assured that as soon as [REDACTED] application has been adjudicated, he will be promptly advised of the results.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
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July 29, 2003

WH 328211-DOJ

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please find attached hereto correspondence from [REDACTED], a member of my constituency. He has contacted me on behalf of James T. Bryant, who is requesting a pardon. Mr. [REDACTED] has asked that I forward this information to you.

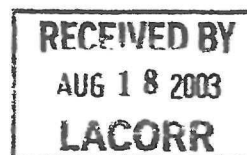
Although, I do not know Mr. Bryant personally, he has letters of recommendations from some very prominent people. They include not only [REDACTED], [REDACTED], but also [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

I would like for you to note the circumstances that influenced him to choose unlawful means in seeking financial help after his only son was paralyzed in a horrible accident. Mr. Bryant speaks of having to face mounting debts while having no insurance coverage for his sons needs.

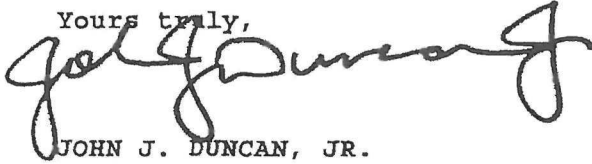
It would be greatly appreciated if you would review this matter and furnish this office with a reply suitable for forwarding at a time deemed appropriate.

I thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am



Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Duncan, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
Member of Congress

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WH 328211- DOT

July 14th, 2003

Dear Congressman Duncan;

I am enclosing a copy of a petition for pardon for my personal friend, James T. Bryant.

Tom is a unique individual. I have known him for four years. He is always honest in business dealings and a straight shooter, never trying to hide his mistake. He has earned the respect of everyone in our local business community. After getting out of prison, he started and sold a successful lawn care business. Currently he owns and runs two businesses, a car dealership and an automotive repair shop.

I feel like I am a good judge of character. I also realize that often pardons are only given to the upper class citizens. Tom is an example of how the system can work. Although not monetarily blessed, Tom is a first class person, and a prime example of a deserving candidate for pardon. I would appreciate any assistance you can give in getting this pardon granted. Please feel free to phone me if you have any questions for me.

Sincerely,



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U. S. Department of Justice

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OCT 23 2003

The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
800 Market Street, Suite 110
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Congressman Duncan:

This is in response to your letter of July 29, 2003, to the President enclosing correspondence from [REDACTED] concerning the pardon petition of James Thomas (Tom) Bryant. Mr. Bryant's pardon petition was received in this office in July of this year and is currently under consideration. Your views and those of Mr. Sloan in his support are appreciated, and your letters have been made a part of Mr. Bryant's file. He will be notified promptly when final action has been taken on his application.

Thank you for writing to the President concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams

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Pardon Attorney

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June 9, 2004

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Please find attached hereto correspondence received from Keith Stewart regarding his client, Sandra Torrisi. Mr. Stewart asked me to pass this along to you. It is his desire to assist Ms. Torrisi in requesting a Presidential Pardon.

With kindest regards, I am

John F. Kennedy

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June 2, 2004

Ms. Shirley Taylor
c/o The Honorable Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr.
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Re: *Presidential Pardon Application of Ms. Sandra Torrisi*

Dear Ms. Taylor:

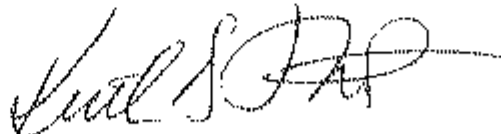
Under cover letter dated March 15, 2004, I submitted a Petition for Pardon After Completion of Sentence on behalf of my client, Ms. Sandra Torrisi. I am writing to inquire whether your office has forwarded the petition to the appropriate personnel at the White House.

I appreciate your earlier guidance and Congressman Duncan's interest in this matter. I simply wish to ensure that Ms. Torrisi's petition receives the appropriate attention it deserves and appreciate your willingness to aid in this effort. I look forward to receiving your response to my status request.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

MCGHEE, NEWTON, STEWART,
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March 16, 2004

Ms. Shirley Taylor
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800 Market Street, Suite 110
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Re: *Presidential Pardon Application of Ms. Sandra Torrissi*

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Enclosed please find the completed Presidential Pardon Application of Ms. Sandra Torrissi. Thank you so much for taking time to speak with me and for taking up the cause with Congressman Duncan. It means a great deal to me and my client that the Congressman has agreed to forward this on to President Bush.

I have come to know Ms. Torrissi well during my representation. Sandra realizes the mistake she made. Sandra took full responsibility for her actions. I would point out that a careful review of the facts suggest she could have pursued a number of defenses to the charges she faced. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I believe that Sandra should be commended for accepting responsibility for her actions and especially for her life since her conviction. I cannot imagine the pressure and guilt she suffered as a [REDACTED]. Sandra has paid her debt to society and should be relieved of any subsequent disability.

¹ Please see No. 5 page 11 - Pre-Sentence Investigation and No. 5 pp. 12-13.

Sandra and I have met often. We have discussed and analyzed her situation at length. During this process of investigation I have seen nothing to cause me concern as to Ms. Torrasi's character. Ms. Torrasi, in my opinion, is of the highest moral fiber and should be considered for a Presidential Pardon.

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The circumstances of Sandra's conviction are set forth in the application and in my estimation should not result in a lifelong disability. Ms. Torrasi has reformed her life and in the process raised a well adjusted productive member of society. She had no problems with her probation and complying with the Court's Order. Sandra is not addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Sandra now seeks to become [REDACTED]

Tennessee which includes a review of her character. Unless she is granted a Presidential Pardon, she will be prohibited from further improving on her life and ability to earn a living. I have no doubt, if given due consideration, Ms. Torrasi will be qualified to receive a Presidential Pardon.

Yours truly,

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Dear Mr. Stewart:

This will acknowledge receipt of the pardon petition for your client, Sandra Torrissi, that you sent to Congressman John J. Duncan and which he, in turn, sent to the White House. The material arrived in my office on July 26, 2004, and we have opened a pardon file for Ms. Torrissi. My office will be in further communication with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney